

LOCAL 1-S NEWS

for department store workers

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Three-panel photo exhibit marking the Local 1-S observance of Negro History and Brotherhood Weeks at the Union office gets close examination and warm praise. Exhibit will be displayed throughout February.

President Urges Members to Support Feb. 17th Meeting with Rev. Delaine

"Every believer in democracy is called upon to use all possible means of demonstrating his support of the Constitutional rights which are guaranteed to all people in the United States. Support of the February 17th meeting at the Union office is one of those means," said President Sam Kovenetsky, who will introduce the Union's guest speaker, The Reverend Joseph A. Delaine.

"With Southern governors and Southern mobs defying decisions of the Supreme Court and threatening to destroy the orderly processes of government, it is more important than ever that we reaffirm our respect for those institutions," the president declared.

The Reverend Joseph A. Delaine is a symbol of the great struggle which is now taking place. He represents a large and courageous minority seeking to secure their rights as American citizens which have been taken from them by immoral laws and lynch mobs.

"Defiance of the Supreme Court's historic desegregation order has re-kindled the same flames that led to the Civil War and the emancipation of the Negro people from slavery. And once again the grassroots supporters of democracy and freedom are called upon to stand and serve notice that they take seriously their Oath of Allegiance to "one nation, indivisible. . . ."

"The photo exhibit which has been prepared by the Local 1-S Anti-Discrimination Committee and which is now on display at the Union, is a magnificent testimonial to the contributions America's minority peoples have made to all our lives," said President

Kovenetsky.

"We can mostly clearly show that we understand, appreciate and are ready to defend the rights of those people by coming to hear The Reverend Delaine tell of his personal experiences with bigots, arsonists and would-be murderers as he fought for the simple, ele-

mentary democratic rights of all people."

The meeting on February 17th will start promptly at 7 P.M. and will feature The Reverend Delaine and the Local 1-S Choral Group. Be sure to come and show your faith in democracy!

1-S CREDIT UNION DECLARES 3% DIVIDEND; ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the members of the Local 1-S Federal Credit Union, held on January 24th, again voted to pay a 3 percent dividend on outstanding shares.

Presided over by Vice President Kathryn Arendt, the CU members devoted major attention to ways and means of further improving Credit Union service to its shareholders and borrowers.

CU officers reported that they were studying several alternative possibilities, including higher borrowing limits, reduction of interest on certain types of loans, and borrower's insurance.

Elections

Re-elected to another term as Credit Union Directors were:

Sam Kovenetsky, President; Kathryn Arendt, Vice President; Agnes Wagner, Clerk; Dorothy Gilmore, Mary Delfino, Frank Milza, Evelyn Snyder, Max Strick.

The Directors also include Jack Schultz, Treasurer; Beris Gordon, and Jack Toucay, whose terms in office run for another year.

Credit Committee members are Sam Schwartz, Beatrice Kiernan

and Marion Hermann, who was re-elected.

The Supervisory Committee consists of Anna May Lathrop, Oscar Richards and Harry Mahnken, who was just named to that post.

Charles Boyd was elected chairman of the Credit Union's Education Committee.

Credit Union Aims

As a "cooperative bank" the Local 1-S Federal Credit Union aims to help members meet their needs for loans as well as helping them develop systematic savings.

The high interest rate on savings and the low rate on borrowed money have encouraged thousands of 1-S'ers to join the Credit Union and use its facilities.

Making savings real simple is the CU's network of bonded collectors in almost all sections of Herald Square and the Branch Stores, who will take a Credit Union member's passbook and money, make the deposit and return the book—all without charge or obligation.

Open a Credit Union account today. It pays!

"Fact Finding" Sub-Committee Named to Hear 175 Inequalities Aims for Thorough Hearing of All

In an effort to streamline negotiations and expedite the processing of inequalities affecting hundreds of members, Local 1-S has proposed, and Macy's has accepted, the creation of a "fact finding" group composed of Union and Macy negotiators who will seek areas of agreement. All factors, both those on which the sub-committee have agreed and those which remain in dispute, will be referred to the entire Negotiating Committee for final action.

1-S CAMPAIGN FOR 55,000 AT WESTINGHOUSE

An intensive campaign to provide all possible assistance to 55,000 striking Westinghouse workers has been mapped by Local 1-S.

On Tuesday, February 14th, the Local's Shop Stewards met at the Hotel Martinique to hear a report on the status of the strike. They approved the Union's plan for an outside collection of food, and a department collection of funds, set for Friday, February 16th.

The Westinghouse strike, now past its 125th day, has become a rallying point for all of labor as the corporation's executives arrogantly refuse to negotiate, arbitrate or mediate.

The strike began when the company refused a wage increase during contract re-opening talks unless the International Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, would accept a five year contract and give the company sole right to determine production speed and piece rates.

In a determined effort to smash the union, Westinghouse has resorted to scabs and picket line violence, but the strikers have stood firm.

President Sam Kovenetsky said, "Every organized store, shop and plant in the city is asking that union members contribute a dollar and a couple of cans of food to help support the Westinghouse strikers."

"Each and every one of us has a stake in this strike. Make your contribution at the door and to your Shop Steward and you can be sure that you have invested in your own strength and security!"

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BloodBank Opens For Parents Of Members

The Local 1-S, Macy's Blood Bank Committee has announced that limited coverage is now available to the parents of married, as well as single members.

The decision to release up to five pints of blood for parents followed careful examination of the Bank's current resources and its ability to meet the needs of those covered by the Health Plan until the blood drive in mid-May.

Representing Local 1-S on the Blood Bank Committee are Vice President Phil Hoffstein, Marion Cook, Jerry Harte, Anthony La-Salvia and John Malone.

Announcing the Committee's decision, Vice President Hoffstein said that, "Our Blood Bank has always been concerned with providing maximum benefits for the largest number of people. We can only hope that all our members fully recognize the value of this protection and do everything they can to continue it. The easiest way will be to sign a pledge sheet when the Blood Bank drive gets underway!"

BRANCH STORE NEWS

FLATBUSH

Hail to all of you who helped in the March of Dimes. You have done nobly in a worthy cause. . . . In the recent past there have been many Shop Stewards re-elected and many elected for the first time. It is important to stress that the Stewards are there to help you fight your grievances, protect your rights under our Union contract and to see that no violations of the contract are committed. Let us all adhere to our contract and put still greater strength in our Union . . . Another welfare undertaking of our Union is the Blood Bank. You will soon be called upon to donate to this worthy cause. But it is not money we ask—but Blood. Those physically able to give blood are urged to sign a pledge sheet and make their contribution when the time comes . . . Herma Lindstrom, Sportswear, and Joan Sanford, Lingerie, have left to keep appointments with the Stork . . . Kay Korotzer, Linens, is receiving congratulations upon the recent marriage of her son . . . Etta Phillips, Curtains, announces the engagement of her son . . . Kay Singer, Accessories, has celebrated her 20th anniversary . . . Kay Avitto, Shoes, and her son, Nick, an ex-stock boy are receiving congratulations on Nick's recent marriage . . . Ruth Vickers, Alterations, and Ethel Bing, Dresses, are flying to California for a vacation . . . Kitty Margolies, Tables, announced the graduation of her daughter from Brooklyn College.



Rose Nagler

PARKCHESTER

A beautiful girl—a diamond ring and P10 Ann Zazali's daughter, Joy, became engaged on January 30th . . . P10 kept going strong on engagements when Shirley Kramer's daughter received a carat, too . . . Our most sincere good wishes to both girls who, we trust, are facing grand and glorious futures . . . Everyone was joyous on learning that the daughter of Rose Latrero (Flying Squad) has achieved her heartfelt desire by adopting two infants. Rose, riding high with the glad news, has changed her Flying Squad wings for a jet—and is now Rose of the Zooming Squad. . . . A get-well wish, straight-from-the-hearts of all of us, to Viola Sirocco of Lamps. We would truly love to have you back with us real soon, Viola . . . More good cheer was flying around when we learned that Elsie Lifshay (P10) has finally gotten herself an apartment in Parkchester. She was excited and happy—and we were glad for her! . . . One of your reporter's major problems has been the gathering of news representative of all sections of the store. I would like to once again urge you, one and all, that if there is any news in your department that you would like to see in print, please bring it to me. Your cooperation will please the people around you—and your reporter, too!



Ray Addate

JAMAICA

This is Jerry Auerfeld pinch hitting for Mary Edwards, your reporter, who—as you know—was hospitalized. She is now on the mend and will be with you in the next issue . . . Here are a few of the brief store news items: Grace Moynihan, Service Adjustment, is vacationing in the Laurentians—skiing, skating and bob-sledding. (The rugged outdoor girl!) . . . While Edna Nerenberg, Coats, chose the sun-drenched shores of Miami Beach . . . John Williscroft, formerly of Kitchen Tables, was promoted to the Rug Department . . . Everyone is happy to hear that Myrtle Clark is over her operation and recuperating. Come back soon, Myrt. We miss your cheery smile . . . Jo Jarvie came back to visit with her newest addition, "Jim." Mom and Dad were beaming with pride as they talked with their old friends. And Jim sure is cute! . . . We were all glad to welcome our old friend and former Administrator Pat Favino. Pat has left our Union's staff, after seven years, and is now with us in the Furniture Department. Says he likes it, too! . . . Joe Mondello of the Ladies Shoe Department, knows some dillies—and told me to pass this one on: American Enterprise is the art of making toeless shoes a *fashion* instead of a calamity!

NEW BOOK REVIEWS INTERRACIAL RELATIONS SINCE CIVIL WAR

Reprinted from AFL-CIO News

What has happened to interracial relations in the U.S. since the end of the Civil War is graphically and concisely recounted in a newly published Citizen's Guide to Desegregation which union members interested in one of the great domestic problems of our times should find helpful.

It was written by Herbert Hill, labor secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Jack Greenberg, assistant special counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

It stresses the background and meaning of the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision, describes actions taken by the former AFL and CIO, their affiliated unions and state organizations to win civil rights for Negroes, and

spells out the role of the NAACP.

Also described are the White Citizens Councils springing up in the South, out of which recently grew the pro-segregation Federation for Constitutional Government.

The authors claim that much of the work to be done if discrimination is to be wiped out, civil rights made available for all and segregation ended is up to local communities. Representative community groups, they say, should take action "to influence public opinion and mobilize support" for integration, and to commit the community to observance of the law.

The book, published by Beacon Press, sells for \$1 a copy, with a discount of 40 percent to union members when purchased in lots of 40 or more.

Board Approves Negotiations Plan; Maps Aid to Westinghouse Strikers

Under the chairmanship of Vice President Phil Hoffstein, the Local 1-S Executive Board at its meeting on January 31st approved a report on negotiations; backed a program of support for embattled Westinghouse strikers; approved a wide program of political action; voted to suspend one member and named a Trial Committee to hear charges brought against three others; accepted three resignations and welcomed three other members.

Negotiations

Reporting on the second meeting of the Negotiating Committee with Macy's, Vice President Phil Hoffstein informed the Board of plans for a fact-finding sub-committee to work on inequalities. (For details, see story on Page 1).

He described the meeting as one at which "Macy's asked for clarification of some of our demands and posted notice that they had some of their own which they will soon submit."

Westinghouse

Reading a communication from the Westchester CIO Council appealing for aid for the Westinghouse strikers, Helen Ruderman (White Plains) asked the Board to take action.

President Sam Kovenetsky announced that the Union's officers had drafted a program of action which calls for a meeting of all Shop Stewards, a leaflet distribution, the collection of food at each of the stores and a departmental solicitation for funds by the Stewards.

The proposals were unanimously approved by the Board. (For additional details, see story on Page 1).

Political Action

PAC Chairman Charles Boyd apologized for the length of his report by saying, "It's not my fault that both the State Legislature and the Congress are in session and that they are both dealing with many things of importance to us."

On the State level, he listed as of immediate concern:

1. The need for immediate convening of the Wage Board hearings on the minimum wage for department store workers. He described as "a little hypocritical" Industrial Commissioner Lubin's failure to order hearings after publicly stating his intention to do so.

2. State income tax reductions as proposed by both the Democrats and the Republicans were termed "inadequate for low-income."

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come workers." Backing was urged for a plan to raise exemptions to \$2500 as the fairest way of granting tax relief to those who need it most.

3. The "automatic injunction" bill, now in both the State Senate and Assembly, is described by the NY State CIO as "another raw, conscienceless attempt to destroy labor's right to strike."

Defeated twice in the last two years, this bill would allow the State Industrial Labor Commissioner to order a 30-day cooling off period in any dispute affecting the "life, safety, health or well-being of a substantial number of people in any community." This definition, says CIO, could mean nearly anything, and the 30-day period could be extended indefinitely at the will or whim of the commissioner."

Turning his attention to Washington, D.C., the 1-S PAC Chairman cited President Eisenhower's statement favoring broader coverage of the minimum wage law, "but," he said, "it will need a lot of work and pressure to win this concession from Congress."

He also sought Board authorization for a PAC campaign in support of lowering the Social Security retirement age for women and reducing to 55 the retirement age for those totally disabled.

It was also recommended that pressure be brought to bear on Congress for repeal of Section 14A of the Taft-Hartley Act. It is this section which makes legally possible the so-called "right to work" laws which have been enacted in 17 states. Repeal of the section would wipe out these local laws.

The Board authorized the Political Action Committee to proceed with the drafting of action plans on all points covered by the report.

Trial

After several months of at-

tempting to resolve the situation created by the conduct of Dr. Martin Wohl, Optometry Department, the Executive Board upheld the recommendation of the Trial Committee and suspended him for a six month period.

Dr. Wohl had been charged under Article XIV, Section g) of the Local 1-S Constitution of "acting in a manner harmful to the interests and welfare of the Union and/or its members."

A new Trial Committee was named to hear charges brought against three other members. On the committee are Anne Berman (5th Floor), Madeline Lawder (Comparison); Sylvia Temple (DA-CT), John Tercy (2nd Floor) and Augustine Tompkins (Packing).

New Administrator

President Sam Kovenetsky advised the Board of the appointment of Frank Milza (Packing) as temporary Administrator for the Non-Selling Division.

President a Delegate

President Sam Kovenetsky announced that he, together with RWDSU President Max Greenberg, were going to the Executive Board meeting of national AFL-CIO as representatives of the International. The President told the Board that Local 1-S could regard it as an honor that it had earned representation both at the AFL-CIO founding convention and at the Board meeting.

Board Changes

Stating that in their opinion "the interests of all concerned will be best served," the Basement Floor Committee, consisting of Lou Cotti, Tanya Shostak and Eleanor Philips, submitted their resignations, which were accepted.

Newly-elected members to the Board were welcomed. They are Frances Cavicchi (Controllers) replacing Ruby Butscher, and Tom Ford and Marty Lattarulo, both of Receiving replacing Tony Gentile and John Lee.

1-S FINANCIAL REPORT

Local 1-S Secretary-Treasurer Cecilia Curry and Trustees Harry Webster, Peter Gilhooley and Mildred Kaplanski have accepted and approved the 1955 audited

financial statement prepared by Union accountant Lew Goltz. A summary of the accounting follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR 12 months from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

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RECEIPTS

D	I	S	B	U	R	S	E	M	E	N
1)	Dues	\$220,963.75							
2)	Fees	17,746.00							
3)	Fines	6,100.00							
4)	Assessments								
5)	Other	3,954.42							

Total Receipts \$248,764.17

6) Total Assets at end of fiscal year (cash, investments, fixtures & equipment, etc.) \$250,146.27

7) Total Liabilities at end of fiscal year \$ 3,231.04

DISBURSEMENTS

1) Per Capita Tax & Assessments	\$ 64,640.25
2) Salaries	73,382.62
3) Allowances	14,401.00
4) Taxes (Federal & State)	2,806.96
5) Other	75,345.22

Total Dis. \$230,576.05

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Talking Shop

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and

Bill Atkinson



WHAT MAKES WESTINGHOUSE IMPORTANT TO YOU? Why should our Union put time and energy into getting support for these 55,000 strikers? Why should Local 1-S come to you and ask you to bring food and give money? Why should we urge you not to buy and not to sell Westinghouse products?

WESTINGHOUSE WORKERS ARE TAKING THE BRUNT of an all-out union busting attack. That's why! These 55,000 members of the International Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO are fighting our fight. They will either demonstrate to employers everywhere that working people can stand shoulder to shoulder and defend their unions, or the employers will take heart from the belief that they can divide us and conquer us. It is that simple—and also that complicated.

The complications arise because many of us are accustomed to thinking in terms of our own immediate situation. If that is in good shape, we are somewhat inclined to sit back and let the other fellow solve his own problems.

BUT DO YOU REMEMBER THE CHEER that went up at Manhattan Center in April of 1953 when President Sam Kovenetsky announced that the butchers had refused to work and were respecting our picket lines? And do you remember that the biggest question on most people's minds was whether the drivers would respect those lines?

AND DO YOU REMEMBER THE WAY THE FEW CUS-TOMERS who crossed our picket lines in 1953 were heckled and booed? Do you remember the feeling of resentment towards those people who were willing to go in to shop, even though we were out on strike?

In short, while we were prepared to deal with the major part of our problem, we certainly wanted—and looked for—as much active support and cooperation as we could get from all other sources!

TODAY—AND FOR THE 125 DAYS THEY HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE — the Westinghouse workers are in the same position. They need, and deserve, every bit of assistance and cooperation we and the rest of the labor movement can muster for them.

Many members of Local 1-S handle Westinghouse merchandise in the course of their days' work. Major appliances, small appliances, bulbs, TV and so on, are stocked by Macy's and—despite the strike—are all too often sold by Union members.

It is equally true that many members, when they go shopping, fail to stop and look at the trademark on an item, and pay out their money for merchandise that has either been made by scabs or sneaked out through picket lines!

WE CAN BE SURE THAT MACY'S will watch with great interest to see how well we respond to this appeal for aid. In a large measure, our generosity will determine the kind of help we can look forward to, should we need it in the weeks or months ahead.

When the dues increase was under discussion it was pointed out that other workers would judge us, at least in part, by our readiness to help ourselves. It is equally true that we will be judged by our readiness to help others.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1-S HAVE a proud record of pitching in and doing their share. We were the first Union in the city to help the workers striking against the Arma Company. As a result of our help they were able to make the rounds of other unions and point to us as an example—and the other unions responded to their appeal!

We have helped coal miners and furniture workers and brewery workers, as well as disaster victims. We have created a reservoir of goodwill everywhere. From a selfish point of view, we can certainly expect that that goodwill will pay huge dividends.

IT WAS WITH ALL THIS IN MIND, together with the decent human instinct which guides all of us all of the time, that the Shop Stewards voted to carry out the twin campaign for food and funds for the Westinghouse strikers.

On the morning of February 16th there will be barrels outside the doors at Herald Square and at each of the Branch Stores to receive the canned goods you bring in.

During the day your Shop Steward will make the rounds with a collection sheet and ask for your contribution. Both the food and the money you give will play an important part in maintaining the morale of these thousands of workers—11,000 of whom work (and are now on strike) in the New York area.

BEFORE YOU DO A THING, just ask yourself what kind of help you would want if you were on the picket line. Then make your contribution. And remember—don't buy Westinghouse! Don't sell Westinghouse! All-out support will help to win the strike!

Sub-Committee to Hear Inequality Facts...

(Continued from page 1) ing Committee, will be aided by the Union's Administrators and representatives of the departments whose inequities are under discussion.

"This procedure," said President Sam Kovenetsky, "has the full approval of the Negotiating Committee and should go a long way towards assuring the fullest and fairest hearing of all the facts on which the inequity claims are based."

Said Vice President Hoffstein, "Under this set up it should not take us long to determine how prepared Macy's is to really ne-

gotiate. Their readiness to seriously study each of our 175 inequities may very well reflect their attitude towards all our other demands.

"Because the sub-committee will be able to work faster than the Negotiating Committee we should soon have a clear idea of where we stand."

Macy's Questions

Mr. Fischer opened the end of January session with the announcement that he had requested the meeting so that he could ask some questions about the Union's proposals in order to "avoid mis-

understanding." While he stated that he was "not agreeing or arguing" with the merits of the demands, he proved quite argumentative as his questions were answered.

Among the questions, mixed with statements of questionable "facts," Macy's spokesman said, "It will cost Macy's \$8.30 per person per week to reduce hours. Do you want a raise too?"

Both President Sam Kovenetsky and attorney Asher Schwartz termed as "false and misleading" Macy's estimate of the cost, and said that the Union was asking for a general wage increase and the 35-hour week.

With regard to the Union's demand for a fully automatic wage structure, with all maxima to be reached in 18 months, Mr. Fischer asked, "Does that mean that the 18 month rate becomes the maximum?"

And the answer was shot back, "No! It means that people will reach the maximum in the shorter period of time."

Wrong Foot

With an air of arrogance that aroused the ire of the Union's officers and negotiators, Mr. Fischer presumed to "suggest" that members appearing before the sub-committee to present their inequities "know the facts" on which their inequality is based.

Making no effort to control his annoyance, President Kovenetsky told Mr. Fischer that, "Our members know the facts. It's the job of your people—and ours—to listen to those facts."

To which Mr. Fischer replied, "All we want is to get the evidence in front of us. We are not going to argue with the people." And the meeting ended.

Saturday-Onlies Win Raise Plus Retroactive Pay

Two Saturday Onlies, Yetta Marcus and Helen Scholz, both of the Grocery Department, are a total of \$190 richer—thanks to the fact that they belong to Local 1-S, are alert and have heads-up Shop Steward.

Both of them were hired in March of 1954, and got their Union-guaranteed wage increase when they were eligible for membership. They went about doing their jobs without any question—until they discovered that a worker hired in May of 1955, doing the same job they were, was earning three dollars more each week.

Then they had questions! They turned to Floor Committee Chairman Charles Boyd, who sent them to Steward Emma Hunter, who called on Administrator Jack Jampole. Together they consulted the rate book and came to the conclusion that Miss Marcus and Miss Scholz were being paid for a lower rated job than the one they were actually doing.

Armed with this information, Steward Hunter took the facts to the department's Supervisor. After that, the going was smooth. The Supervisor agreed and shortly after began to figure out the back pay.

It added up to \$95.50 for Miss Marcus and \$94.40 for Miss Scholz. Both, said Administrator Jampole, were "exceedingly pleased" with the windfall and with the way their Union protected all their rights and benefits that go with membership.

1-S Campaign For N.Y. Fund Broke Record

A final tally of the recent Greater New York Fund campaign reveals that a record-breaking total of \$29,058.49 was contributed by a combination of all staff, exempt and executive personnel, President Sam Kovenetsky announced. This represents 2.4 percent of the total raised throughout New York, he added.

The Local 1-S contribution accounted for the largest part of the total.

As a result of the outstanding part Local 1-S plays in making the annual drives successful, Union members have easy access to the Fund's 425 participating agencies and President Kovenetsky has been named to the Fund's Labor-Management Committee.

Use of the agencies' services is facilitated by the professional social service counsellor who is at the Union office every Wednesday evening from 5 to 7PM.

The Local 1-S Welfare Board, which is responsible for maintaining the counselling service, urges all members with problems to come to the Union office to discuss them. There is no charge for this vital service.

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office.

You are covered by The Health

Plan only until the end of the

month in which you leave the

store, and have another 30 days

within which to arrange for your

direct payments.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your

family—protect your benefits. Be

sure to come to the Union office

on time.

TOP-LEVEL BLOOD BANK CONFAB FOLLOWS 1-S BLAST ON GOUGING

Local 1-S representatives met with spokesmen of New York's hospitals, medical societies, blood banks and unions to discuss the many-sided problem of blood procurement and distribution.

The meeting was an outgrowth of Local 1-S' sharp attacks on the refusal of many hospitals to accept the replacement of blood used by the Union's members on a pint-for-pint basis.

Following the appearance of three articles in the Local 1-S NEWS, Vice President Bill Atkinson urged the City CIO Council to take a hand in investigating the matter. Council Secretary-Treasurer Morris Iushewitz named a committee to deal with the problem.

Survey Planned

The CIO Council's intervention resulted in the calling of the meeting of all interested parties for the purpose of planning a coordinated study of all factors relating to the blood banks.

Local 1-S, represented by Vice President Atkinson and Education Director Dick Pastor, agreed that such a study was necessary for the good of the general public.

They pointed out, however, that members of Local 1-S as well as other unions, already had blood bank protection and that their problems could be solved very easily if the hospitals would simply agree to accept as payment the same amount of blood the patient receives.

This point of view was glossed

over at the first meeting, as major attention was devoted to the overall problem of inadequate blood supplies in the hands of existing banks.

Said one hospital spokesman, "We deliberately set the price of blood high in order to discourage people from paying for it and to encourage them to get donors to replace the blood itself. We can't transfuse dollars — we can only put blood into a patient's veins."

Ignored was the Union argument that members of Local 1-S come in prepared to replace blood for blood.

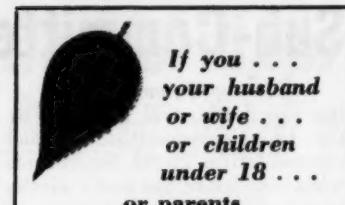
Sore Spot

In spite of their efforts to justify the high price tag on blood it was apparent that medical society and hospital representatives were hit on a sore spot by the Local 1-S charge that they were "gouging" their patients and extorting "blood money."

Said Vice President Atkinson, "It is much too soon to say whether or not these meetings are going to alter the situation. It is significant, however, that our criticism has carried enough weight to bring us to this stage.

"We of Local 1-S certainly agree that there is an over-all problem for people who do not have the protection of a blood bank—and banks that do not have enough donors to meet the needs.

"We, and many other unions, do not fall into that class. We will continue to do all we can to



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solve our problem separate from the larger problem the committee is now dealing with."

BTO Volunteers On Switchboard During Telethon

Doing yeoman duty during the January Telethon for the Arthritis Foundation were four members of Local 1-S who spend their time at the Telephone Order Board.

The volunteers who handled five hour stints as the calls poured in from the generous everywhere were Inez Cavallero, Alice Kaminsky, Ada Sax and Dorothy Wilner.

They were too busy to keep score, but were willing to bet that a switchboard during a Telethon is no worse than Macy's during a sale. The difference is in where the money goes.

Local 1-S is proud of its public spirited members!

OFFICIAL NOTICE Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the *only* official notice to be given for Divisional Meetings for all members including Saturday-onlies and Fractionals.

Admission will be by 1956 Union card. An unexcused absence will be liable to a \$2 assessment to the Welfare Fund as provided for

in Article IX, Section 4 of Local 1-S Constitution.

Absence excuses must be filed with your Shop Steward within five days before or after scheduled date of your meeting.

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
ASD (PT)	Tues. Feb. 21	4:30pm	Auditorium
ASD (FT)	Tues. Feb. 21	6:30pm	Auditorium
White Plains	Fri. Feb. 24	6:15pm	Roma AC
Packing (PT-FT)	Wed. Feb. 29	6:45pm	Auditorium
Food (PT)	Tues. Mar. 6	4:45pm	Auditorium
Food (FT)	Tues. Mar. 6	7:15pm	Auditorium
2nd Floor (PT)	Wed. Mar. 7	5:00pm	Auditorium
2nd Floor (FT)	Wed. Mar. 7	6:45pm	Auditorium
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Ad-Display	Thurs. Mar. 8	6:00pm	Auditorium
Alt. & Repair	Fri. Mar. 9	10:45am-6:30pm	Auditorium
3rd Floor (PT)	Tues. Mar. 13	5:00pm	Auditorium
3rd Floor (FT)	Tues. Mar. 13	6:45pm	Auditorium
Controllers (PT-FT)	Wed. Mar. 14	6:30pm	Auditorium
Beauty Salon	Fri. Mar. 23	7:15pm	Auditorium

(PT)—Part Time, (FT)—Full time

All meetings, except those of the Branch Stores, are to be held at Union office, 290 Seventh Avenue.

STEWARDS HAILED FOR SPLENDID WORK IN MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE

Top honors in the Local 1-S March of Dimes campaign go to Shop Stewards Nan Carlson and Armand Sottile.

As the drive passed a total of more than \$1,500, Steward Carlson turned in \$48.26, representing her collection in Departments 115, 119 and 121. Steward Sottile accounted for \$35.85 from Departments 12, 97, 123 and 223. While those two were the largest sums turned in by Shop Stewards, many who collected from individ-

ual departments did as well on a percentage basis.

In all, the results of the campaign point to enthusiastic collecting and wholehearted giving—for which the March of Dimes and the officers of Local 1-S say "Thanks a million."

Shop Stewards who have not yet turned in the scrolls are urged to do so immediately, so that the Union can close its books and forward a check to the March of Dimes.

PERSONALS

FOR SALE—Contents of complete three room apartment. Will sell group or individual pieces. Phone IN 9-2841 mornings.

FOR SALE—Baby's chifferobe, high chair, crib and mattress. All excellent condition. Reasonable. Phone LU 7-9916.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.



SURE AM GLAD

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done for me. I for one sure am glad we have such a wonderful hospitalization plan.

I am sincerely,
Gertrude Borookow

LONG SIEGE

My husband has just been discharged from a long siege in the hospital involving extensive surgery.

I do not know what we would have done to meet hospital bills and replacing the nine pints of blood he needed, if it wasn't for our wonderful Union Health Plan.

It was a great consolation to me that blood was waiting for my husband when it was so urgently needed, and given with absolutely no delay.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable aid when it was so sorely needed, together with my appreciation of being a member of such a wonderful trade union.

With deepest gratitude,
Lee Ettenson, Flatbush

PLEASANT SURPRISE

I have just received the most pleasant surprise—the lovely book by Bennett Cerf. It's always a grand feeling to be remembered, but I certainly never expected so much kindness and thoughtfulness. After all, I am only a part-timer,

but I like to feel that I am one of you.

I had already received a lovely letter offering any help that I might need—also a beautiful get-well card—and now the book. The book certainly comes at a good time. I've been home so long that I've become quite bored with all the pastimes and activities I've been engaged in. All the jokes and stories will certainly do a good job in boosting my morale. I wish to thank you very much for all your kind thoughts.

I'm very glad to be associated with such wonderful people.

Sincerely,
Vita A. Brucia, CDI

SO PROUD

When in the hospital I received a card from the Welfare Board. I was so proud and happy that I was not forgotten that I showed my card to all—patients, nurses, doctors.

Coming home from the hospital I got another card. This time I showed off before my own family.

And now I am feeling better and making an attempt to return to work.

Late last night, when I came home from a meeting, I found the book.

Many thanks to the Welfare Board, for the cards no less than for the book that I am sure to enjoy.

Mark Yanis

WONDERFUL

I wish to take this opportunity to tell you how wonderful I think the Health Plan is. I was in the hospital with pneumonia between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and it was a wonderful feeling to walk out from there knowing my bill was paid. And also for the generous allowance to my doctor, I am very grateful.

Would like again to thank all my fellow-workers in the Table Department for their cheerful greetings to me, and for their beautiful gift.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Sorenson, Tables

Big things are happening—in Albany, Washington, Mississippi—and right in our own back yard. Why not share your views on any topic you think may be of interest to others besides yourself. Don't worry about being "controversial." Let's hear what's on your mind. Write your letter to the Editor today!

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